TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

Friday, the 13th February, 1925.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11-33 of the Clock with Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, Deputy President, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* —

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Preparation of Electoral Roll.

118. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*) : (*a*) Have the Government sent any private or separate circulars to Tahsildars and *Proverthicars* regarding the preparation of the Electoral Roll?

(*b*) What provisions have they made for dealing with *pakuthi* officers who do not act honestly in the preparation of the Electoral Roll?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The attention of the officer for the preparation of the Legislative Council Electoral Rolls has been drawn to the complaints in regard to the Electoral Rolls of 1097. More time has also been provided for the filing of claims and objections than was allowed on the previous occasion. If any specific cases of delinquency or negligence are brought to notice, they will be duly dealt with.

Aerial Ropeway and Syndicate Company, Mundakayam.

119. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Have the Government purchased shares in the Aerial Ropeway and Syndicate Company?

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[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

(*b*) If so, when, and how many shares have been purchased?

(*c*) What is the total investment on the shares?

(*d*) What rate of interest have the Government been receiving annually till now after they purchased the shares?

(*e*) What amounts have been received annually by way of interest?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 30 debentures each of the face value of Bh. Rs. 1,500 were purchased in the year 1915.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 45,000.

(*d*) The Government have been receiving interest on the above investment at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum.

(*e*) A sum of Bh. Rs. 1,575 is being recovered every year in two half-yearly instalments from the company by way of interest.

Nominal Reductions in the Budget for 1100.

120. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken or propose to take in respect of the following motions for nominal reduction passed by the Council during the budget discussion last year:—

(1) reduction of Rs. 100 in the amount allotted for the pay of the establishment of the Inspector of English Schools;

(2) reduction in respect of the grant for the High Court establishment;

(3) reduction in regard to the grant for the establishment of the Devicolam First Class Magistrate; and

(4) reduction in respect of the grant for the establishment of Assistant Superintendents of Police?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): All the reductions were accepted by the Government and the necessary alterations have been made in the Final Edition of the Budget. *Vide* G. O. No. Fl. 1511, dated the 15th October, 1924, accompanying the budget estimate. The establishments attached to the offices of the Assistant to the Commissioner, Devicolam, and of the Assistant Superintendents of Police were disbanded after the budget was finally issued.

Board of Examiners for 1924-25.

121. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any one from the College of Arts on the Board of Examiners to conduct examinations for the school year 1924-25?

(*b*) How many members are there on the Board from the College of Science?

(*c*) Who represent History and English on the Board?

(*d*) How many Christians are there on the Board?

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